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## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1) as follows:

On page 1, line 4, please delete the paragraph that begins "This patent application ..." and replace it with the following paragraph, with markings as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii):

This patent application claims priority in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 119, and under the Paris Convention worldwide, to the benefit of the filing date of Wheeler et al. U.S. provisional patent application serial No. 60/223,076, which was filed on Aug. 4, 2000, and which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also incorporates herein by reference each of four international patent applications and two U.S. patent application to Anne and Lynn Wheeler filed concurrently herewith on Aug. 6, 2001, in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and bearing serial number PCT/US01/41587 ~~PCT/US~~ (entitled "Person-Centric Account-Based Digital Signature System"); and U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/923,179 (entitled "Account-Based Digital Signature (ABDS) System"); Ser. No. PCT/US01/41562 ~~PCT/US~~ (entitled "Entity Authentication in Electronic Communications by Providing Verification Status of Device"); U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/923,075 (entitled "Modifying Message Data and Generating Random Number Digital Signature Within Computer Chip"); serial number PCT/US01/24572 ~~PCT/US~~ (entitled "Linking Public Key of Device to Information During Manufacture; and serial number PCT/US01/24563 ~~PCT/US~~ (entitled "Trusted Authentication Digital Signature (TADS) System").

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As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), here is the full text of the paragraph without underlining:

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